

I am entriely in favor of the rules which prohibit media companies from owning both newspapers and TV stations in the same geographic area.

It is of vital importance that diversity in media outlets be maintained, for the same reasons that our founding fathers instituted a system of checks and balances between three seperate branches of government.

Without such protections, I have no doubt that the extent to which corporate abuses will take place here in the U.S., based on the extent to, and frequency with which they already occur, will soon surpass those problems that the Italians have been having. I refer not just to the present time of conglomeration, but also to the Italian period of "estato corporativo" in the 1930s and 40s.

Please, for the love of the freedom of thought which we now enjoy, do everything in your power to strengthen instead of removing these very important regulations. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
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